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TOPIC 1. Polish Artillery Unit in Inowrocław.2. Polish Troops and Military Installations in Hindenburg (Zabrze) and Beuthen (Bytom).

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to early May 1953, a barracks installation in Inowrocław (P 53/J 15), whose pinpoint location was not specified, quartered a Polish motorized artillery unit. A street paved with cobble stones and used by a streetcar led to the installation which was a walking distance of about 20 minutes from the railroad station. The main section of the installation which was directly beside an agricultural machine plant was believed to consist of two or three old red brick buildings and to include gutted billets.

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an artillery battalion whose superior headquarters was in Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09) was quartered there. six guns towed by average-size ZIS trucks, each occupied by six soldiers, wearing khaki uniforms. The guns were 60 to 70 mm and had about 3.5 meters long barrels without muzzle brakes. ¹

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2. Prior to late April 1953, Polish troops with red service color in the former Police Barracks in Hindenburg (Q 51/Y 47). They were equipped with AA guns.

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AA guns had frequently left the barracks installation towards Gleiwitz (Q 51/Y 37). The soldiers who served their term of military service were young and wore red service color. ² Excavation work indicative of gun emplacements was done in the area south of the barracks installation toward the railroad line. In 1952 and 1953.

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3. a member of the 1927 class and had served with a military labor unit in the vicinity of the former Ludwigsglueck pit for a period of 2 1/2 or 3 years, had been discharged in late November or early

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December 1952. He made special mention of the fact that shortly before his discharge only one rifle was available for 15 soldiers of his unit. Those who received combat training were handed the gun by turns. [redacted] members of the 1930 to 1933 classes were inducted in Hindenburg in early November 1952, and that only a limited number of members of the 1933 class were inducted. [redacted] at that time, numerous young men were deferred in Hindenburg. Prior to 21 April 1953, [redacted]

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4. [redacted] KBW (Internal Security) units were stationed at Hindenburg and said that there were no major military supply installations.

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5. Prior to September 1952, [redacted] a multi-story villa on the east side of ul. Czarneckiego (formerly Wilhelm Strasse), directly at the intersection of this street and ul. Grottgera (formerly Gabelsberger Strasse) in Beuthen (Q 51/Y 58), [redacted] a Polish troop headquarters, [redacted] the regimental headquarters [redacted] the troops in the barracks installation on the northern perimeter of the city were subordinate to this headquarters. When marching out for combat practice from this barracks installation, which was occupied to capacity, the troops generally carried small arms. [redacted] The troops wore khaki uniforms with conspicuous green service color. About six guns were frequently observed in excavated emplacements which were constantly guarded and were in the area north of the barracks installation, between this installation and ul. Kwiatowa. [redacted] the weapons in the emplacements, whose barrels showed moderate elevation, were AA guns. 5 Last in September 1952, Polish troops of a size of at least two companies, who wore khaki uniforms with green service color, were observed in a barracks installation of two quartering buildings, about 40 meters long, on the south side of ul. Wrocławska opposite the Karsten Zentrum pit. [redacted] troops on active service and was convinced that elements of the unit in the barracks installation on the northern perimeter of the city were stationed there. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Polish troops, rather than labor service units in the cantonment north of ul. Wrocławska and east of the Karsten Zentrum pit. Soldiers going out wore red service color. 6

7. [redacted] a large number of labor service units at the railroad station of Kostuchna (Q 51/Y 56). They went by train to their places of work departing from this railroad station. Local residents said that a very large labor service camp was near Kostuchna.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Since the agricultural machine plant is on the same street, [redacted] the barracks installation on Dworkowa. The unit cannot be identified. It possibly is an army artillery unit subordinate directly to the 2d MD in Bydgoszcz.

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Comment. Soldiers inducted in the fall of 1952 mainly belonged to the 1932 class.

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